

AT PRAISE

ROSWELL WRITTEN UP IN THE
COLUMBIA, MO., HERALD.

JAMES C. GILLESPIE

Who is a Member of the Missouri
Legislature, Was Here the First
of December, and Wrote His Im-
pressions to His Home Paper.

Hon. James C. Gillespie, who is the
present representative of Boone
county, Mo., in the legislature was
here about the first of December
with his son James B. Gillespie of
Canyon City, Texas. While here he
was interviewed by a representa-
tive of the Record and he praised
Roswell and the Pecos Valley very
highly. He said that he intended to
write his impressions of the town
and country for the Columbia, Mo.,
Herald. The article was printed in
the Christmas edition of the Herald
and was given a position on first
page. It was dated as a letter from
Roswell, Dec. 8, 1903. The Colum-
bia Herald is the paper that bears
the reputation of being the best
edited and best printed country
weekly in the United States. Its
Christmas edition was a special il-
lustrated magazine edition, and next
to the frontispiece was the article
on "From the Panhandle to the Pe-
cos Valley."

Mr. Gillespie wrote at length on
the Panhandle, and had the follow-
ing to say in regard to Roswell:

"One of its greatest depots and
distributing points being the valley
the Pecos river, while one of the
most charming spots along this
railroad or in this valley of the Pe-
cos is this city of Roswell, New
Mexico, situated in a fertile valley
about one hundred miles long by
perhaps fifty miles broad. Within
what seems to be a few miles, al-
though really seventy-five miles, of
El Capitan mountain which looks
on eternally and reflects the glories
of the rising and setting sun. It is
a city of perhaps seven thousand peo-
ple, nearly all Caucasians, the In-
dian and his half brother the Mex-
ican, being only noticed because so
few.

In fact, this is a modern and up
to date city, changing by election
held her this day from a town to
a city, electing their first mayor—
a Missourian.

"This vicinity and valley is be-
coming distinguished all over the
United States and other countries
for its natural beauty and health-
fulness as also for its embellish-
ments.

"Thirty years ago it was the
greatest cattle range in the south-
west and known as Chisum ranch,
and where then "Billie the Kid" and
such as the high heeled booted and
spurred, paraded the deadly revolver
and Winchester, and ran their
horse races is now the main street
of Roswell. This city is the county
seat of Chaves county, which com-
prises 11,500 square miles and has
an assessed wealth of about three
million dollars. Its finances are in
splendid condition, having only a
nominal debt. Around Roswell and
for many miles below it the valley
is almost one continuous orchard,
vineyard and garden. Mr. J. J. Ha-
german having about five hundred
acres in apples alone, and having
taken the premium at the Pan-
America Fair at Buffalo, and having
been offered sixty thousand dollars
for his apple crop last year as it
hung on the trees, would seem to
crown him as the prince of apple

growers, of not only this valley, but
of America if not the world.

"Grapes, cherries, pears, plums,
apricots and prunes grow to great
perfection almost without cultiva-
tion. It would seem that nature de-
signed this valley to become a won-
der and an irresistible attraction to
many. For besides the Pecos river
and two Spring Rivers which flow
on the surface through the entire
length of the valley, there is a sub-
terranean stream or body of water
which has already been tapped per-
haps fifty times, and a six to eight
inch flow is gushing up far above
the surface and no matter how of-
ten the drill may probe it, the flow
of all the others is undiminished.

"I examined one just finished this
day on the premises of Mr. J. Ed
Berry (of Fulton, Calloway county
Missouri), throwing a six inch lim-
pid shaft several feet above ground
with a pressure of six pounds to the
inch. It seems possible and practi-
cable to thus induce to the surface
as much of this wonderful store of
nature as may be needed for profit
or pleasure. It is claimed that a
well six inches in diameter in twen-
ty-four hours will discharge 1,440,
000 gallons. If water is king in the
west, then indeed is this valley its
throne.

"Oh, if one, just one of these six
inch streams would wander away off
under the rocks and hills, and re-
spond to the anxious, investigating
drill at Columbia, Missouri, and so
bring peace and joy to all the con-
tending factions.

"It is said here that 'the rich soil
sleeps until water touches it, when it
bursts forth with a song of awa-
kened nature.'

"This is a great health resort at
this time of year, and invalids come
in on most every train, but their
coming is not at all encouraged and
while there are nice comfortable
places inviting them, the hotels will
not take sick people in. They want
the fittest to survive first, and then
come here.

"Lands outside of this favored dis-
trict are cheap, and there is much
valuable land east between this val-
ley and Texas, along the line of the
Pecos Valley railroad, subject to en-
try from the government, and there
is a United States land office at this
place and at Portales, which is
about twenty-five miles this side of
Texas, on the Pecos Valley railroad,
and home seekers and settlers are
coming on nearly every train. Your
readers may have a better idea of
the newness of the country when I
tell them that I saw on the trip
about sixty-five antelopes in three
different herds. Saw quails and prairie
chickens. Saw a man here to-
day with fish, had an eel about four
feet long, caught in one of the can-
als or irrigating ditches.

"Drs. McClane, father and son,
formerly of Columbia, are here
crowded with business of their pro-
fession, themselves healthy and hap-
py. The many friends of Mrs. Dora
Hill (nee Searcy), will be glad to
know that she is bravely overcom-
ing all reverses and misfortunes and
succeeding again as she deserves.

"The people here are most all
southern and western, and there was
in the city election held here today,
but one ticket in the field—Demo-
cratic of course. True, there is a
sprinkle of eastern and northern peo-
ple, they respect each other and are
congenial. Mr. E. A. Cahoon, cash-
ier of the First National Bank, who
coming west from Vermont nearly
thirty years ago, drove stock across
the plains to this place and settled.
The thirty odd thousand people in
the Panhandle, Texas, are mostly of
the same origin and blood as the
people here described. A description
of one of their thriving towns will
sufficiently describe all.

"Canyon City, eighteen miles
southwest of Amarillo on the Pecos
Valley railroad, has a population of
1,000. It has four churches, Baptist,
Methodist, Presbyterian and Chris-
tian. One graded school, every
branch of business being success-
fully carried on, some on large scale,
and as yet there is no incorpora-
tion, no city government. It is the
county seat of Randall county; has

court house and jail, but there has
been no one committed to jail dur-
ing the past six months. Another,
is not a drop of whiskey to be found
in the town, not even in the drug
stores. And walking into a barber
shop I found the barber deeply ab-
sorbed in reading the Bible. How
is this for western Texas? I am in-
formed that there are over one hun-
dred counties in Texas that have to
go dry and that it must soon sweep
the whole state.

"The friends of James Boggs Gil-
lespie in Boone county, will be glad
to know that he with his estimable
wife and bright, sweet, twenty
months old Texas baby boy are well
settled in so charming a place as
Canyon City, Texas.

JAMES C. GILLESPIE.

Walcott to Meet Temple.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—After many
weeks of negotiation Joe Walcott
the welterweight champion, and Larry
Temple of New York are to come
together in a fifteen round bout be-
fore the Criterion Athletic club to-
night. The two are considered the
best colored fighters at their weight
in the country and as a consequence
a bout of more than ordinary inter-
est is looked forward to by the
sporting fraternity.

Glass Manufacturers Get Together.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—As a re-
sult of the movement started some
time ago the window glass manufac-
turers of the country are holding an-
other conference in Pittsburg today.
It is believed that this meeting will
result in the formation of the pro-
posed national selling agency that
is to handle the output of practi-
cally all the factories, and to main-
tain the selling prices, and thus
keep up the wages of the workmen.

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